

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 898****The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Robert F. Fennell***To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to diagnostic screening for prostate cancer. .

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Robert F. Fennell	10th Essex
Anthony W. Petrucci	First Suffolk and Middlesex
Martha M. Walz	8th Suffolk
Stephen M. Brewer	Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester
Marc R. Pacheco	First Plymouth and Bristol
Cleon H. Turner	1st Barnstable
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex
James Dwyer	30th Middlesex
Thomas M. Stanley	9th Middlesex
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Thomas M. McGee	Third Essex and Middlesex
Anthony D. Galluccio	Middlesex, Suffolk and Essex
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk
Linda Dean Campbell	15th Essex
John F. Quinn	9th Bristol

Joseph R. Driscoll, Jr.	5th Norfolk
Susan C. Fargo	Third Middlesex
Lori Ehrlich	8th Essex
Michael F. Rush	10th Suffolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 946 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO DIAGNOSTIC SCREENING FOR PROSTATE CANCER. .

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, every contract  
2   which provides coverage for hospital, surgical or medical care shall provide the following  
3   coverage for diagnostic screening for prostatic cancer:  
4   (i) upon the recommendation of a physician, medically recognized diagnostic testing including,  
5   but not limited to, a digital rectal examination, transrectal ultrasonography and prostate-specific  
6   antigen test at any age for covered persons having a prior history of prostate cancer; and (ii) an  
7   annual medically recognized diagnostic examination including, but not limited to, a digital  
8   rectal examination, trans-rectal ultrasonography and a prostate-specific antigen test for all men  
9   aged forty and over.